GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:72
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OUTSOURCING OF COAL BEARING PATCHES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Coalfields Limited has planned outsourcing of ten coal bearing patches, of which two are located in Jharkhand and eight in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the `outsourcing bid` by ECL took off on 5th September, 2003 in Pandaveswar under high security arrangement;

(d) if so, whether the outsourcing of coal bearing patches is a part of the privatisation attempt by ECL and the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) : Eleven patches in ECL have beenidentified for outsourcing where there are chances of occurrence of fire, and illegal mining and which are economically not viable to work departmentally. Nine of them are located in West Bengal and two in Jharkhand.

(b) : The patches located in West Bengal and Jharkhand are as follows :-

A Patches located in West Bengal.

i) Bilpahari
ii) Shankarpur
iii) Egra
iv) Patmohana
v) Baktarnagar
vi) Lachipur
vii) Damalia
viii) Sonepur Bazari `B` OCP
ix) Nakrakunda `B` OCP

B. Patches located in Jharkhand States :

i) Hura- C
ii) Kumardhubi 5 K OC Patch

(c) : The working at Bilpahari Patch through outsourcing of HEMM in pandaveswar areas has started from 5th September, 2003.

(d) : No Sir.

(e) : Question does not arise.